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3W2, VIETNAM (QRP UPDATE). Scott, AC3A, has received confirmation of his **3W2SO** license. He was expected to begin his operation this past weekend and will only be operating QRP on 15 and 20 meters.

3W5, VIETNAM. Coly, UA0FM, active as **3W5FM** continues to be very active on 30 and 80 meters. Look for him on 3503 kHz around 1115z and 10102 kHz between 1130 and 1430z. His length of stay is not known. Meanwhile, "The 59(9) DXReport" reports that Takay, JA7GAX, is active **until the end of March** as **3W2GAX**. QSL via JA7GAX. The "DX News Letter" states that Takay plans to be active as **XV2GAX/p** also from **Phu Quoc (AS-128)** from **March 21-27th** and from **Hon Tam** (no IOTA yet) from **March 25-30th**.

8Q, MALDIVES. Peter, HA2SX, will be active from here as **8Q7KK** until **March 25th**. He will be on holiday with his family but will take some time to be active on his radio. His rig is a FT-100 (100 watts out) DX88 and G5RV antennas for 80-10 meters including the WARC bands too. He will operate on CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31/HELL/MT63/SSTV. His planned operating schedule (his local time): 7:00 AM on 12/10 meters then 15 meters until approx. 1300 PM; afternoon from 1400 PM on 17/20 meters; evening on 30/40 meters and with some luck on 80 meters (CW only). For CW operations, check 20 kHz from the band edge and on the WARC bands, check +8, +10 kHz. QSL via direct or via bureau to HA2SX. Attention: The 8Q7KK was given out several times before to different operators!!

9G, GHANA. Andy, G4ZVJ, now active as **9G5VJ**, will be here **until March 20th**. He has been spotted on 80 meters over the past weekend on 3508 kHz around 2215z. During last week, he was active on 10 and 12 meters CW between 1230 and 1730z. QSL via G4ZVJ.

ARMED FORCES DAY 2000. It has been announced that the annual event "Armed Forces Day" has been moved to avoid the Dayton Hamvention this year. From an excerpt from the ARRL Web Page, "Although Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on Saturday, **May 20**, 2000, the Secretary of Defense has designated May 13-21, 2000, as Armed Forces Week. To avoid a

conflict with Dayton Hamvention, the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual Amateur Radio communications tests in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day on May 13-14, 2000." For complete details on stations and schedules, go to the "ARRLWeb Extra" (for members only) at: <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/extra/news/2000/03/01/2>

C2, NAURU. The "DX News Letter" reports that Jack/VK2GJH and Nev/VK2QF intend to operate as **C21JH** and **C21/VK2QF** during **March/April**. Activity is planned for the HF bands and especially 6 meters. QSL C21JH via VK2GJH: Jack Haden, Box 299, Ryde, NSW 1680, Australia. QSL C21/VK2QF via VK2QF: N E Mattick, Hargraves, NSW 2850, Australia.

FO0AAA, CLIPPERTON ISLAND DXPEDITION (NOW QRT). According to the last press release dated March 8th, "The Clipperton team has made 69,400 QSOs as of 0000Z on March 8. They are going QRT at 1800Z on March 8." OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the last press release as an additional bulletin. There will probably be a wrap-up press release some time this week.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-037.** Takeshi, JI3DST, will be active from **Koshiki Archipelago** (Kami-Koshiki-Shima) (Kamikoshiki-Mura, Satuma-Gun, Kagoshima) from **March 17-20th**. Callsigns to be used are **JI3DST/6** and **7N3UXO/6**. Activity will be on 40/17/15/12/10 meters SSB (40 meters only for Japan). QSL via the JARL Bureau (preffered) or direct (w/1 IRC. Please don't send green stamps.) to JI3DST (7N3UXO): Takeshi Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-cho Abeno-ku Osaka-city, OSAKA 545-0021 JAPAN.
- **EU-032.** Le/F6HMQ and Guy/F5BLN will be signing **homecall/P** from **Oleron Island** from **May 6-13th** with two stations on all bands.
- **EU-074.** Jean Marc, F5SGI, will be signing homecall/P from Brehat Island from April 1-8th. Activity will be mostly on CW on 80-10 meters.
- **OC-231.** NEW IOTA!!!! Bernhard, DL2GAC, has recently received his **P29VMS** and has activated **Green Island** during the end of last week. He will only be here for a few more days, possibly going **QRT on the 14th or 15th**.
- **SA-079.** Operators Alex/PY1KS, Alex/PY1TIA, Soni/PY1SL and Soni/PY1NX will be on an IOTA operation from **Rasa Island** (other reference numbers are DIB-054 and DFB-RJ-10) beginning 2100z, **April 14th** through 1800z, **April 16th**. Look for stations **ZV1IR** (SSB) and **ZW1MB** (CW) to be active with two stations on the air. Activity will be on 10/12/15/17/20/30/40/80 and 6 meters. Suggested frequencies are:
 - **SSB** - 50115, 28460, 24960, 21260, 18160, 14260, 7060, 3790
 - **CW** - 50115, 28025, 24895, 21025, 18075, 14025, 10110, 7007 and 3505 kHz.QSL via PY1AA to the bureau or direct to PY1AA: LABRE-RJ, P.O.BOX 58, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20001-970, Brazil.

JW, SVALBARD. Look for Jan, LA5QFA, to be active as **JW5QFA** from **March 17-20th**. Activity will be mostly on the lower bands (80-160m) on SSB. QSL via LA5QFA.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Vance, N5VL, will be operating as **KG4VL** from IOTA **NA-015** from **March 22-29th**. This will also included an entry in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest**. QSL to N5VL.

LP7, ARGENTINA. Javier, LU9HS, reports to OPDX that he will use the special callsign, **LP7H**, in upcoming contests. Look for it on SSB and RTTY in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest** and other 2000 contests. QSL via LU9HS to one of the following addresses:

Javier Omar Santillan,
Fournier 2783,
Barrio Matienzo,
X5011CDO Cordoba, ARGENTINA.

Javier Omar Santillan
P.O. BOX 6
5022
Cordoba, ARGENTINA

Both addresses are CORRECT. ATTENTION: In 2000 RAC the addresses are INCORRECT.

LX7, LUXEMBOURG. Philippe, LX2AJ, informs OPDX that he will be active during the **CQ WW WPX SSB Contest** with the special callsign **LX7I**, but only on 40 meters. A log search will be available after the contest on the Web site: <http://dx.qsl.net/logs/> QSL to LX2AJ via the Bureau or direct to: Philippe Luty, 6A Sentier de Bricherhof, L-1262 Luxembourg.

NEW DIFO NUMBER ACTIVATED. Franck, FK8HC, activated **N'Die Island** on **March 10th** for 18 hours on CW/SSB. This New Caledonia island has a new "French Overseas Island Award" reference number of DIFO FK-079. QSL via VK4FW. For more information, check the FK-DXGroup Team's Web page on IOTA & DIFO expedition in New Caledonia at: <http://perso.easynet.fr/~f5nod/fk8hc.html>

OHIO QSO PARTY (Correction. Please pass the word!). The Ohio QSO Party is "NOT" in March as listed in the March issue of QST. It is now in **August** and is run by the "Mad River Radio Club". The URL is: <http://www.qsl.net/mrrc/oqp.html>

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will be active as **P40W** from **October 25-30th**, which will include activity in the **CQ Worldwide Phone Contest** as a Single Op/ All Band entry (Power Class TBD - probably QRP). His activity will be on 160-10 meters, with some WARC activity before the contest. QSL via N2MM. By the way, this is a Frankford Radio Club Dxpedition.

PIRATE ALERT. It has been reported that someone is using the callsign of Roberto, **YS1CO**, who has been a "Silent Key" since February 13th. The President of one of the local clubs in El Salvador reports that they keep receiving QSLs for contacts after Roberto passing. Please pass the word that this **pirate** is active.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Delano Taylor, C6AFV, reports that he is the new Bureau Manager for the **Bahamas Amateur Radio Society**. He has cards for many stations that have operated from his country. If anyone is interested in collecting their cards, please E-mail Delano at: delano66@hotmail.com
- There has been some confusion on the QSL route for **ET3AA**. Andy, G4ZVJ, who was recently active during the past week, was active mainly on CW and these contacts should be QSLed via G4ZVJ. All other contacts should go via P.O. Box 60258, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Fred Laun, K3ZO (HS0ZAR), reports that essentially all Thai hams who are permitted to operate on the HF bands have their QSL information listed at the following Web site: <http://www.qsl.net/rast/text/Hscalls.html> He states that there may be a very few who have recently upgraded but those who have, their info has not been uploaded to this Web Site

yet. Fred is under the impression that 99 percent of the active HF Thai hams are listed here. ADDED NOTE: Although Thailand has some 175,000 hams, only a relative few have passed the examination allowing them to use the HF bands. Almost of all hams in Thailand are limited to 2 meter FM operation only.

- Ron, W6OM, just returned from a two week operation from Moscow as **RA3/W6OM**. All CW QSOs were from either his mother-in-law's apartment or Victor's, RA3DQ, fine shack. All QSLs should go to his W6OM callbook address.
- K7BV is **NOT** the QSL Manager for **KP3P** except for the "two day period" covering the ARRL DX SSB contest Mar 7-8th (1998).
- K7BV is **NOT** the QSL Manager for **8P9Z**. John, K4BAI, is the QSL Manager for 8P9Z.
- K7BV is the QSL manager for **P40Z** contacts made **ONLY** in 1996 and 1997.
- KU9C is QSL Manager for all K7BV operations as **OH0/K7BV**, **OJ0/K7BV** and **NP2/K7BV**. Dennis does forward all cards he receives to Steve, of course.
- KU9C is the QSL manager for **WP2Z**.
- All QSL requests with SASEs to K7BV have been answered for **8P9JJ**, **8P0V**, **CY9AA**, **KC6DM**, **KH6/AA7VB**, **KP3/K7BV**, **M/K7BV**, **OH3/K7BV**, **P40Z**, **TI3/AA7VB**, **V40Z**, **V47W**, **VP2EV**, **VP2EWW**. The ongoing job of answering requests received from the Bureau continues, of course.
- **RV3MA/1** was active from Morzhovets Island (EU-119, RR-02-08). QSL via RV3ACA: Elen V. Boychenko, P.O.Box 13, Moscow, Russia, zip code 127521.
- PLEASE NOTE: The QSL Manager for **FO0CLA** is F6CTL but not F6CLT as mentioned in OPDX.450.
- **CS7AHU/p** (CT1AHU), **CT1EEN/p**, **CT1EGW/p**, **CS5END** (CT1END) and **CT4NH/p** (all members of the Portuguese DX Group - GPDX) were active this past weekend from Culatra Island (EU-145). Activity was from two locations on the island: IM67ab (North of the island) and IM67xb (South of the island). QSL via their respective home callsign direct or via bureau, special callsigns CS7AHU via CT1AHU and CS5END via CT1END direct or via bureau. After the Dxpedition, you can find an on-line log search for CT1END/p or CS5END and CT1AHU/p or CS7AHU at:
<http://www.qsl.net/ct1end/>

SPECIAL EVENT. During the past weekend (**March 11-12th**), station **M2000Y/MRL37** was active from the **Pickets Lock Radio and Computer Fair** in **London**. Look for activity again **June 24-25th**, but this time signing **M2000Y/MRH30** and being active from the **Petersfield Carnival Show** in **Hampshire**.

TX, CHESTERFIELD ISLAND. This possible new DXCC entity is scheduled to hit the airwaves this week! There will be a team of members from the South Association des Radio Amateurs de Nouvelle Calédonie (ARANC) as well as FK8GM, FK8HC, JA1BK, N5KO, N7NG, OH1RY, OH2BC, OH2BH and OH2RF who will operate from here between **March 15th and April 1st**. A last-minute operator change occurred since Tim, N4GN, was not able arrange his business commitments to match the expedition schedule. Tim's slot has now been filled by Trey Garlough, N5KO, who will join **TX0DX** as a member of the CW team. They are scheduled to activate the callsign **TX8CI** first and then TX0DX starting on March 23rd (were New Caledonia is expected to be an official IARU member by this day). Four stations should be active as TX0DX (with two on CW and two SSB). There will also be RTTY activity and activity in the CQ WPX SSB Contest. The following transmit frequencies will be used by TX0DX:

- **CW** - 1834.5, 3504, 7004, 10104, 14024, 21024, 24894, 28024 and 50115 kHz
- **SSB** - 3790, 7085, 14195, 18145, 21295, 28945, 28480 and 50115 kHz

For more updates, check the Web page: <http://www.n4gn.com/tx0dx/> QSL HF contacts via OH2BN. For 6 meter contacts only, QSL via JA1BK. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive TWO press releases that were sent out this past weekend as an additional bulletin.

UZ8, UKRAINE (New Prefix!). Look for the new prefix/callsign **UZ8RR** to be active on all bands 160-10 meters CW ONLY. The QSL Manager for NA, SA and other DX stations go to W3HC: Carl F. McDaniel, 2116 Reed Street, Williamsport, PA 17701-3904, USA. QSLs for Europe stations go to: Vladimir Antonovich, P.O.box 28, Chernigiv-Postamt 14000, Ukraine. QSLs received direct will be confirmed 100%. Please only enclose 1 IRC for return postage.

VC3, CANADA. Kip, VA3MM, will use the special callsign **VC3M** for the **CQ WPX SSB CONTEST** this **March 25-26th**, plus before and after the contest on RTTY. QSL to VE3CKF in any callbook.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND (Update). Bert, PA3GIO, has updated OPDX stating that he will be active as **VK9CQ** from IOTA **OC-003** between **August 26th and September 1st**. As mentioned in OPDX.449, he will be on the IOTA or DX frequencies (SSB only) on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters using his Kenwood TS-50 w/100 watts into a Doublet. For updates, check his Web sites at: Website USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9CQ/> Website Netherlands: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~pa3gio/VK9CQ/>

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Update). Bert, PA3GIO, has updated OPDX stating that he will be active as **VK9XV** from IOTA **OC-002** from **September 2-13th**. As mentioned in [OPDX.449](#) and above in VK9C, his activity will be the same here. For updates, check his Web sites at: Website USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9XV/> Website Netherlands: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~pa3gio/VK9XV/>

VK0, MACQUARIE ISLAND. Alan, **VK0MM**, has announced the following: "Due to recent interference to the ionosonde/riometer receivers and other sensitive Upper Atmospheric Physics equipment at the research station, the Senior Communications Engineer on the island has directed that VK0MM operations shall be limited to a window of frequencies between 10 & 15 Megahertz until further notice." Alan's operating schedule for this week is as follows (per his Web page): (All schedules are QSX up 5 - 10 kHz)

13 Mar: USA/VE/XE	CW 14.025MHz 1000 - 1200z
14 Mar: JA/ASIA	CW 14.003MHz 0900 - 1100z
15 Mar: USA/VE/XE	CW 10.103MHz 0900 - 1100z
16 Mar: USA/VE/XE	CW 14.025MHz 1000 - 1200z
17 Mar: JA/ASIA	CW 14.003MHz 1000 - 1200z
18 Mar: No Operation	
April 1st:	
LA/JW/JX/TF/OZ/OX/OY/OH/SM ONLY:	SSB 14.150MHz QSX 160 1000-1100z
Rest of Europe	SSB 14.150MHz QSX 160 1100-1200z

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. Frank/WA2VYA, Ken/K2WB and John/N2VW will operate from VP5JM's QTH on **Providenciales (NA-002)** from **October 24-31st**. The arrangements are confirmed. This is a Frankford Radio Club Dxpedition. They will be in the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th)** as **VP5T** as a Multi-Multi category. Their

activity will be on CW, WARC bands and PSK31 before and after the contest. QSL VP5T to N2VW. E-mail requests for VP5T bureau QSL cards are OK via: n2vw@arrl.net QSLs for all portable callsigns are via their homecall using the CBA. For additional information, send E-mail to: n2vw@arrl.net

XT, BURKINA FASO. Robert, F5JRY, will be here from **March 27th through April 11th**. He hopes to be active on SSB (maybe a few CW QSOs) on the higher bands.

OPDX INTERNET SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST: opdx-request@nshore.org

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE):

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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